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## Military academies unite with universities in ongoing sexual harassment prevention



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Eliminating sexual assault and sexual harassment from the nation's service academies and universities may be a monumental task, said administrators from the nation's academic institutions last week.

Combating the threat remains high priority on Secretary of the Army Mark Esper's mind, though. He spoke to an audience of college administrators, superintendents and professors at the National Discussion on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at America's Colleges, Universities and Service Academies at the Naval Academy on April 4.

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Superintendents from each of the nation's military academies addressed media members on the importance of preventing incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment. From left, Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams, superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; Vice Admiral Walter Carter Jr., Naval Academy superintendent; and Air Force Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria, Air Force Academy superintendent. The generals took part in the National Discussion on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at America's Colleges, Universities and Service Academies, April 4 to 5, at the Naval Academy. (Photo by Joe Lacdan, Army News Service)

## Go for broke: Army unit's motto now a national day

Defense.gov

Every year, April 5 is celebrated as National "Go For Broke" Day, derived from a saying that's known to mean "wager everything." "Go For Broke" also happens to be the motto of one of the most decorated units in U.S. military history, the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and they're likely the reason why this celebrated day exists.

The 442nd RCT was a segregated World War II unit made up entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry, which was a big deal since they were barred from military

service at the start of the conflict due to fears stemming from the Pearl Harbor attack. Japanese Americans, known as Nisei, couldn't enlist in the armed forces, and hundreds of thousands of them were relocated into internment camps out of distrust.

But many Nisei still wanted to serve America. They were eventually able to do so through the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service, and the 442nd RCT – which became the most decorated military unit of its size and length of service.

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Kenzo Kenamoto, a World War II Military Intelligence Service veteran (center), and other veterans ride in a trolley during the Congressional Gold Medal parade in Waikiki, Hawaii, Dec. 17, 2011. World War II Nisei veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service were honored for their service with a parade as recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award bestowed by U.S. Congress. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Holzworth)

## Nearly a century of service: retired Col. James Elsner

**Senior Airman Eric M. Fisher**  
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Early Life

Since its inception in 1947, the U.S. Air Force has built a fabled history on the backs of brave men and women in uniform.

These individuals each have their own stories to tell. Their lives, like everyone else's, have their struggles and hardships but also a plethora of joy. The only difference for these Airmen is their commitment to the service of their nation

and those they love. Retired Col. James Elsner, a 99-year-old former pilot once assigned to the 18th Fighter Squadron, has a story of his own which predates the Air Force itself.

Born April 11, 1919 in Hartford, Connecticut, James was the middle child of three sons and spent his early life without all the technology and high-speed action of today's society.

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U.S. Army 2nd Lt. James Elsner poses for a photo at Attu, Alaska in 1944. Elsner was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941, just before the U.S. entered the World War II. (Courtesy Photo)

## National Guard Soldiers at forefront of most significant test in missile defense history



A threat-representative ICBM target launches from the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on March 25, 2019. It was successfully intercepted by two long-range Ground-based Interceptors launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, in the first salvo test of GBIs. (Photo by Lisa Simunaci, Missile Defense Agency)

**Staff Sgt. Zachary Sheely**  
U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command

Two ground-based interceptors launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, March 25, in an anti-ballistic missile test that made history.

The two multistage, solid fuel boosters were each tipped with a state-of-the-art exo-atmospheric kill vehicle. They propelled from silos and punctured the earth's atmosphere at thousands of feet per second, bound

for a violent collision in space with a sophisticated ICBM-like target launched from more than 5,000 miles away.

The test, known as Flight Test Ground-based Interceptor 11, or simply FTG-11, concluded within minutes as the two GBIs successfully hit their marks, obliterating them high above earth. FTG-11 was the first-ever salvo test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system and at its core were National Guard Soldiers representing Alaska, California and Colorado.

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## Roll over, roll over, roll over



Soldiers assigned to Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment, Alaska Army National Guard, conduct vehicle roll-over training using the Army's Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer on April 6 at Fort Wainwright's Terry L. Wilson Mission Training Complex. The Fairbanks based Soldiers have been training for their upcoming mission. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Nelson, 134th Public Affairs Detachment)

### WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday



Mostly cloudy, with a high of 52 and a low of 33 degrees

Saturday



Snow showers, with a high of 49 and a low of 29 degrees.

Sunday



Partly cloudy, with a high of 50 and a low of 28 degree.

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**FORT WAINWRIGHT EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**  
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ARMY EARTH DAY

2019

# Nutrition Corner: Nutrition 101

## Brandy Ostanik

Medical Department Activity – Alaska, Public Affairs

Taste is at the top of the list that drives what food Americans choose. Making the choice to eat healthy does not have to be a sentence to have a bland diet. Make healthy eating taste good to help you keep up with your healthy lifestyle. Enhance the flavor of your meat, poultry and fish with high heat/lower fat techniques such as pan searing, grilling and broiling. These will help to brown meat and enhance flavor. Try this even with your slow cooked roasts, and you will see the difference in taste! Brush your vegetables with some herbs and heart healthy olive oil and roast them at a high temperature (450oF). Use different colors of peppers with different flavors to spice things up a

bit. Even small amounts of hot pepper sauce can enhance recipes. Acidic ingredients like lemon and orange peel help to balance flavor. Don't forget the low calorie condiments like wasabi, salsas and mustards to add a delicious pop to your recipes. When you use onions in your recipes, try caramelizing them in a small amount of oil to bring out their flavor. Remember that, most of the time, you can cut some sugar, salt and/or fat from recipes without altering the flavor and quality. Don't blindly follow recipes - make alterations to make them both delicious and nutritious.

### Featured Food:

Figs. Figs are a great snack on their own or as part of a recipe. Figs are naturally low in fat and sodium but contain almost 1g of fiber per fig.

### Recipe Spotlight:

### Chocolate Covered Figs:

3/4 cup dark chocolate  
12 fresh black figs  
1/4 to 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans

- 1) Melt chocolate in double boiler or microwave
- 2) Dip figs into melted chocolate
- 3) Sprinkle with nuts and place on parchment paper
- 4) Refrigerate for 30 minutes

### References:

Cunningham, Eleese. Seven ways to enhance the flavor of your meals. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website. <http://www.eatright.org/resource/food/planning-and-prep/cooking-tips-and-trends/enhancing-the-flavor-of-your-meals>.

## MEDDAC Minute

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### PATIENT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Are you interested in having input into the operations at Medical Department Activity - Alaska? We are looking for soldiers, family members and retirees who are interested in having a voice by sitting on the Patient Family Partnership Council. Applicants must be willing to show concern for more than one issue or agenda and to be supportive of the mission of the hospital. Applications can be picked up at the front info desk at Bassett Army Community Hospital or Kamish Soldier Medical Clinic and must be returned by April 28. Please contact the patient advocate at 361-5291 for more information.

### CHANGE OF LOCATION

The patient travel department has moved to a new location within Bassett ACH. Patients can now find the office in the patient administration department located next to lab and pharmacy services.

### NEVER FORGET

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As a reminder, MEDDAC-AK facilities are now tobacco free. This includes Bassett Army Community Hospital, Preventive Medicine, Behavioral Health, DENTAC/ASAP, Veterinary Clinic and Kamish. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic nicotine delivery devices (e.g. e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-cigars, etc.) stem pipes, water pipes, hookahs and smoke free products that are chewed, dipped or sniffed.

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United Health Care: [uhcmilitarywest.com](http://uhcmilitarywest.com)  
1-800-988-9378

## HISTORY

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"This was the most significant flight test in the history of missile defense," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Strawbridge, 100th Missile Defense Brigade director of operations. "To compare it to something else in human history, I would liken it to space travel or putting a man on the moon. It was that complex."

The test took less than an hour, but it was the culmination of years of work, planning, training and development.

"We were high-fiving each other after we knew the intercept was a success," said U.S. Army Maj. Terri Homestead-Lopez, a Fire Direction Center crew director. "It was exciting to see the system work and see our training pay off."

Homestead-Lopez's crew at the 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, Alaska, performed the tactical level of the engagement, while the 100th Missile Defense Brigade crew at the Missile Defense Element at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs provided operational overwatch.

"We go through so much training it becomes second nature," said Homestead-Lopez. "When you actually see it in real life, it gives you another level of security and confidence."

While Ground-based Midcourse Defense is the joint effort of many agencies, it is the Soldiers of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade and its subordinate command, the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, who operate the fire control system, dictate the tactics, techniques and procedures, fight the battle and ultimately defend the homeland from ICBM attack.

Strawbridge said the test was as complex as it was realistic. The target was designed to simulate future threat models, complete with a reentry vehicle resembling an enemy warhead and decoys intended to confuse the sensors and system.

"The stage was set by the last test in 2017," said Strawbridge of FTG-15. "Information from that test was used to design this one, but this one was two- to three-fold higher in the amount of complexity and difficulty."

Also new to FTG-11 was the crew preparation.

"In past tests, there have been designated test crews," said Strawbridge. "For this test, we ensured that all certified crews were ready, just like in normal day-to-day operations. We tested the way we would fight."

Crews are notified that there will be a test launch, but they do not know details such as timing of launch and its aim point. They rely on an enterprise of sea-, land- and space-based sensors to determine how and when to engage a threat.

By many accounts, FTG-11 was a triumph of human achievement and engineering. However, not all tests of the GMD system have been successful. Sgt. Hayden Murray, a readiness noncommissioned officer on a 100th Missile Defense Brigade MDE crew, said the test record is misconstrued because critics do not consider the spiral development the system has undergone since its inception.

"It's not a fair comparison to look at tests from 10 to 15 years ago," said Murray. "The system performed flawlessly on this test and that's what we expected. We do so many intricate and complicated training runs, the test looked like anything else we've seen and we were ready to engage it."

Homestead-Lopez said her excitement during FTG-11 was short lived, and her crew quickly resumed normal operations. She said she loves her job and talking about the mission of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense.

"I don't know that the National Guard gets too many opportunities to perform a 24/7 real-world mission," said Homestead-Lopez. "That is exciting and humbling to know we are here, defending the homeland."

## 2019 Army Posture Statement

Office of the Director of the Army Staff

What is it?

The Army Posture Statement is the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army's written testimony to Congress on the state of the U.S. Army. The statement describes where the Army is and what the Army has done over the last year to support the National Defense Strategy.

The 2019 Army Posture Statement explains the Army's budgetary needs to maintain its readiness, modernization and reform initiatives in fiscal year 2020. It describes major elements of Army support to the Joint Force, ongoing modernization investments, and business reforms.

What are the current and past efforts of the Army?

The Army has taken several measures to implement the National Defense Strategy:

### Readiness

Increased Army readiness and lethality by improving and expanding training, and by reorganizing to meet the challenges of great power competition.

### Modernization

Modernizing Army doctrine, equipment and formations to extend its overmatch against near-peer competitors

and adversaries as the character of war changes. Reform

Improving stewardship of taxpayer dollars by reforming its business practices to save money and reinvesting those savings into the Army modernization priorities.

### Allies and Partners

Strengthening America's network of allies and partners through combined training and security cooperation to build interoperability and trust.

### People and Values

Ensuring Soldiers and units are resilient and ready for combat while ensuring Army Families have what they need at home to thrive.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned?

The Army Posture Statement reflects the Army Vision and the Army Strategy, providing a short-term waypoint to the Army of 2028. Both the Vision and the Strategy are part of The Army Plan, which is how the U.S. Army meets its Title 10 obligations.

Why is this important to the Army?

The Army Posture Statement provides Congress and the American public with an understanding of what the Army is doing and how the Army supports national security using the FY2020 budget funding.



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# The Chaplain's Corner

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Fritts**  
U.S. Army Garrison Fort Greely

Years ago while I was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado, my family and I took a trip to The Royal Gorge Bridge. Walking across the bridge at 955 feet above the river below, I anxiously kept to the middle of the deck without venturing too close to the side rails. As for exploring the other park attractions like the aerial gondola, sky coaster and zip line? Forget about it! I don't like heights.

Perhaps you don't like heights either. Nevertheless, have you ever had that totally irrational thought about jumping from a high place, even though you aren't suicidal and you don't actually go over the edge? I experienced this very phenomenon while crossing The Royal Gorge Bridge. The French call it "l'appel du vide," or the "call of the void." Google the

phrase, and you will discover numerous articles and studies that attempt to describe and explain this fleeting, bizarre urge to self-destruct.

Writing for All That's Interesting on Feb. 16, 2018, Kara Goldfarb summarizes what a few researchers and philosophers have written about the subject (<https://allthatsinteresting.com/call-of-the-void>). Commenting on their speculative explanations, Goldfarb concludes "... that the urge to sabotage ourselves is human." Which made me wonder, how does "l'appel du vide" speak to our shared experience as sinful human beings? Perhaps that crazy urge to destroy my physical body isn't too far removed from the sinful urge to destroy my soul.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes: "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing" (Romans 7:19). No matter how hard we will to resist, the siren

call of sin beckons us to jump the safety rail and plunge headfirst into the abyss. Paul sums up that helpless feeling when he says in verse 24, "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?"

Most of us who have even a passing familiarity with Christian doctrine know the answer even before Paul gives it to us in the next verse: "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" But the journey from death to life begins with the humble acknowledgement that we can't save ourselves. We need to be rescued, and we need to be on guard against the whispers of our sinful nature that tempt us with thoughts of self-sufficiency.



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Fritts**

The Fort Greely Chapel community is open and accessible to everyone in the Delta Junction/Fort Greely community – even non-military. We are a traditional, protestant Army chapel service meeting on Sundays at 10 a.m. with a weekly Communion observance. Interested? Please call 907-873-4397 to arrange for gate access. "Like" our chapel Facebook page by searching "Fort Greely Chapel" or use your web browser to go to <https://www.facebook.com/FGAChapel>.

For God and Country,  
Chaplain Fritts

## CENTURY

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During his interview over video chat, James expressed his excitement for being able to speak with and see someone in Alaska all the way from his home in Hartford. He would occasionally ask for sentences to be repeated, but that's probably more of an internet connect issue rather than hearing because he showed off his top-of-the-line hearing aids at the very start.

He's still actively adapting to the ever changing modern world despite his age. Although, he does still read print newspapers.

As an adolescent James attended the New York Military Academy as a member of the class of '37, which he mentioned was the same school that the current president attended, before attending Hobart College in New York.

### Entering Military Service

Around this time, World War II was raging in Europe and on Aug. 2, 1941, James and his younger

brother were drafted into the U.S. Army. Eventually his older brother would also serve.

Within a year of U.S. forces reclaiming the Aleutian Islands, James was assigned to the 18th Fighter Squadron and stationed on Attu to defend it against future attacks from the Japanese Empire. The 18th Fighter Squadron has gone by many different names throughout its history, today being called the 18th Aggressor Squadron, assigned to the 354th Fighter Wing at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. James, the oldest living 18th FS pilot, said the 18th AGRS "Blue Fox" mascot drew inspiration from the foxes, which inhabit the island they called home during WWII, mentioning that on several occasions the foxes would allow them to approach and even pet them.

"I was there at Attu for about a year, we flew 18 P-40 Warhawks," James said. "We had one very illustrious squadron commander. Dean Davenport was his name."

Davenport is one of the famous pilots who flew during the Doolittle Raids in Japan two years earlier. The raids are considered by many to be a turning point in the war, as it helped reinvigorate American morale after the Pearl Harbor attacks, while also hindering the Japanese Empire's propaganda.

"In my time at Attu we were scrambled a lot but didn't see any combat. There was only once that I remember loading up 500 pound bombs onto our P-40s, but then they called it off," James said. "I'm not ashamed to say this, but I never fired a shot out of anger, but I was ready... I was ready."

James' P-40 was named Carolyn, after his mother, which highlights his dedication to his family.

James also spoke of the weather conditions on Attu, mentioning thick fog that would appear almost instantly and how pilots would be guided back to the ground using large light signals and a map that showed approach angles based on which light beam was visible. He later retrieved a copy of the map to show off. After 75 years, the page has yellowed and the edges have torn, but it is still perfectly readable.

### Returning Home and the Elsner Family

In December 1945, James left the Army Air Corps, returning to his life as a civilian where he took up a job at a local department store. It was there that he would meet his bride to be, Dorothy.

"We've been married 68 years," said James, as a smile crept across his face and he began to chuckle. "We're coming up on 69 next October."

After meeting in 1948, James and Dorothy married in 1950 and had three children; two boys and a girl.

Dorothy, who will turn 93 the day after James' 100th birthday, has entered a full-time care facility, but this doesn't stop James from spending time with the love of his life.

"I make sure to visit her every day for several hours," he said.

### Serving in the Connecticut Air National Guard

James was in the reserves for two years between '45 and '47. When the Army Air Corps separated from the U.S. Army and established the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard, James decided to return to service.

"I joined the Connecticut Air National Guard in 1947, and I was in a flight of planes going over Harry Truman's second inauguration in 1949," James remembered.

He mentioned that his Guard unit was federalized during the Korean War, but never ended up in combat.

James continued to fly in the Connecticut Air National Guard until 1968, when he lost too much of his hearing to continue being a pilot. He went on to become the deputy commander for materiel, until his retirement in 1971.



Members of the 18th Fighter Squadron pose for a photo at Attu, Alaska, May 30, 1944. The 18th FS later became the 18th Aggressor Squadron, which was assigned to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. (Courtesy Photo)

brother were drafted into the U.S. Army. Eventually his older brother would also serve.

"I don't like to say this, but I was drafted in," said James. "It was pretty early on, before the war had even started for the U.S. My brother and I were drafted the same day."

Following Basic Military Training, James began in the U.S. Army Signal Corps where he grew from the rank of private first class to sergeant before taking the exam for aviation cadets, eventually commissioning as an officer and becoming a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

### 18th Fighter Squadron

In 1943, the only WWII battle to take place in the continental U.S. broke out on the Aleutian Island of Attu, Alaska. Japanese forces claimed Attu, hoping to use it to prevent U.S. air attacks from reaching mainland Japan. After U.S. and Canadian forces arrived, the battle with the Japanese Empire's soldiers lasted for more than two weeks. U.S. and Canadian forces finally recaptured the island.

# Acquisition reform requires culture shift, officials say

**Devon L. Suits**  
Army Medicine

A shift in Army culture is necessary to accelerate the fielding of new Army systems and improve industry collaboration, Army acquisition officials recently said.

“We have to fundamentally change some of our cultural biases and the ways we are used to doing business,” said Jeffrey White, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics, and technology.

White and other acquisition officials participated in a panel discussion about contracting, acquisition, logistics, and technology for integrated reform during the Association of the U.S. Army’s Global Force Symposium on March 28.

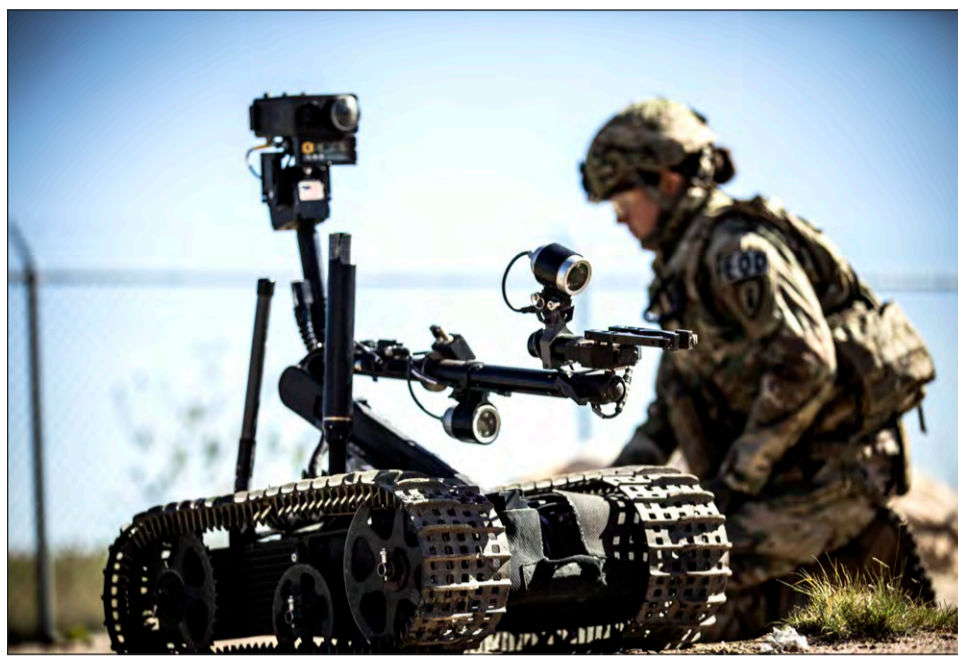
“Twelve years is too long to get a major weapon system out in the field. We need to look at innovating at the speed of industry today, not the speed of industry in the [1970s],” he said. “We need to be able to get a solution that’s better than what we have now.”

Congress recently provided the Army with more acquisition flexibility to support an accelerated fielding process.

The Army can now leverage a middle-tier acquisition authority under Section 804 of the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization

Act, White said.

MTA is a rapid acquisition process that focuses on delivering capability within two to five years.



Congress recently provided the Army with more acquisition flexibility to support an accelerated fielding process. The Army can now leverage a middle-tier acquisition authority under Section 804 of the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act. (Photo by Pat Molnar)

“We have more of those going on than any other service, with eight of them right now,” White said. “I think we have about another four or five teed up that we are going to move forward on in the future.”

The force can also utilize its other transaction

authority, or OTA, to accelerate necessary programs, he added.

“We have about 100 OTAs out there right now,” White said. “[OTAs] can cut six months to a year off the acquisition process.

It’s a great way to get prototyping and tech maturation into the cycle, so that we can have a full and open competition later down the road.”

Further, Army Futures Command has made improvements to its requirements process, which helps define what products the Army will acquire.

“They are trying to drive it down from a five-year process ... to less than a year – sometimes 12 weeks,” said White, indicating that this is a shift from the current Army culture.

Similarly, the Army seeks better ways to collaborate with industry, he added.

For the past decade, Army officials avoided engaging with industry, in fear of providing them with a competitive advantage. In turn, the Army has become more “risk averse,” he said.

“That has led us to believe we should not engage with industry, and nothing could be further from the truth,” White said.

“We have to engage with industry. We have to do it as often ... and as frequently as possible,” he added. “If you don’t talk to industry, how do you expect them to know what you want?”

**Fort Wainwright Easter Week Religious Services**  
Palm Sunday (14 April)      Easter Sunday (21 April)

**Cornerstone Protestant Chapel Community** (Northern Lights Chapel, Bldg 3430)

- 14 APR (1100) – Palm Sunday
- 19 APR (1800) – Good Friday Fellowship Dinner (1800) & Tenebrae Service (1900)
- 21 APR (1100) – Easter Sunday

**Good Shepherd Catholic Community** (Southern Lights Chapel, Bldg 4107)

- 14 APR (0900) – Palm Sunday Mass
- 18 APR (1800) – Maundy Thursday (followed by 24 hours Adoration)
- 19 APR (1800) – Good Friday Veneration of the Cross
- 20 APR (2000) – Easter Vigil
- 21 APR (0900) – Easter Sunday Mass

**St. George Parish (Anglican Community)**

- 14 APR (1100) – Palm Sunday (Southern Lights Chapel, Bldg 4107)
- 18 APR (1200) – Maundy Thursday (BACH Chapel)
- 19 APR (1200) – Good Friday (BACH Chapel)
- 20 APR (1730) – Easter Vigil (Southern Lights Chapel)
- 21 APR (1100) – Easter Sunday (Southern Lights Chapel)

For religious support information, please contact the Religious Support Office at 353-6112/9880

# World Class Athlete Program recruits through love of sport

**Brittany Nelson**  
Installation Management Command Public Affairs

The U.S. Army’s World Class Athlete Program has helped multiple athletes achieve international and Olympic sport dreams while creating and furthering their Army careers.

WCAP is a program where top ranked Soldier-athletes train to compete at the international level while serving in the U.S. Army with the goal of making it to the Olympic or Paralympic games.

The winter sliding sports, bobsled, skeleton and luge, have seen success within the WCAP program.

Sgt. Shauna Rohbock, a previous WCAP athlete and now a bobsled coach, joined the Army shortly after she started competing in the sport.

“When I started bobsledding, I met a few athletes that were in the program and they said, ‘If you plan on sledding for a long amount of time, you should look into this program,’ and I did. It was the best thing I ever did,” said Rohbock.

Rohbock, an Olympic silver medalist, said that being a Soldier and an athlete go hand-in-hand.

“They both require mental and physical toughness as well as resiliency. Being an athlete makes you a better Soldier and being a

Soldier makes you a better athlete,” said Rohbock.

Recruiting is also a big part of the WCAP program. The Soldier-athletes regularly partner with Total Army Involvement Recruiting by visiting schools and talking to students about WCAP and the Army.

“I would say WCAP is a great recruiting tool for the Army because it enables us to send athletes out into a military or civilian setting and show that the Army is multifaceted,” said Olympic athlete Cpt. Mike Kohn, former bobsled athlete and now coach.

Sgt. Justin Olsen, a WCAP bobsledder, says Kohn is the reason he joined the program.

“My first roommate at the Olympic training center was Mike Kohn who was a member of the National Guard and WCAP,” said Olsen. “I asked Kohn why he had a uniform in his closet and he told me he is a member of this incredible program, WCAP. I asked him about a thousand questions. When I asked him if he thought it would be a good fit for me he said ‘absolutely.’ He was my biggest advocate.”

Olsen, an Olympic gold medalist, has won five National Championships and competed in two Winter Olympic Games since joining WCAP.

Olsen says he is glad he is a Soldier-athlete because he can work on both his bobsledding and military career.

“I’ve been able to work toward my career in the Army, better my leadership skills and look forward to

something in the future for a career. If I had to stop bobsled today I don’t have any fear for what’s next,” said Olsen.

U.S.A bobsled team member Lake Kwaza recently finished first place as brake woman for Elana Meyers Taylor at the Lake Placid Bobsled World Cup. Kwaza heard about WCAP through Kohn.

“When I got to Lake Placid, I saw WCAP Soldiers and Cpt. Kohn talked to me. I thought it would be a great opportunity to serve my country in a different way. It seems like the next step for me career wise,” said Kwaza.

Kwaza has two brothers in the military and considered joining after high school but went on to run track and field at the University of Iowa instead.

“I plan on making a career out of the military so once bobsled is done I plan on continuing with the military. I feel like WCAP is the perfect set-up, I am able to do what I love and then the transition will be that much easier,” said Kwaza.

WCAP continually helps Soldier-athletes with their athletic and military careers so they have the capability to give back to the U.S. Army and always support the mission.

For more information on WCAP, visit [armywcap.com](http://armywcap.com).



(Left to right) Sgt. Shauna Rohbock, Sgt. Justin Olsen and Cpt. Mike Kohn at the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Olympic Bobsled Run. (Photo Brittany Nelson, Installation Management Command Public Affairs)

# Weekly Events

## April 12 - 19

**13** Month of the Military Child (MOMC)  
April 13  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Military children pack a punch when it comes to resilience and strength. Help celebrate all of the super-kids out there with a fun-filled Month of the Military Child carnival at the School Age Center! Swoop in to save the day with obstacle courses, face painting, slime, comic book making and more!

School Age Center, building 4166  
Call 353-7713

**14** Chena Hot Springs Bike and Soak  
April 14  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hop on your fat tire bike and go for a ride with Outdoor Recreation on the Angel Creek Trail for a few hours! End the day with a relaxing soak in the Outdoor Rock Pool at Chena Hot Springs Resort.

Outdoor Recreation, building 4050  
Call 361-6349, reservations required

**15** Health Nut: The Picky Eater  
April 15  
11 to 11:30 a.m.

We get it, picky eaters can be difficult! Let Army Community Service help you identify and address the behavior so you can make sure you child is getting the nutrients they need to be healthy and happy!

Last Frontier Activity Center, building 1044  
Call 353-7755

**16** Lunch and Learn: Speech Therapy  
April 16  
11:45 to 12:30 p.m.

Tune in on Facebook Live or join in on this informative training in person! Learn about developmental delays, preschool, and peer enrichment. This workshop will be hosted by EFMP ACS and presented by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Special Education Department.

USO, building 3727  
Call 353-4227

**19** Chena Bend Golf Course Season Passes  
April 19  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chena Bend Golf Course Season Passes are on sale now! Season Passes include discounted green fees, post access for the season, \$10 off annual locker rental, 10 hours of the Golf Simulator, and 10% off select retail at the Chena Bend Pro Shop. Call or stop by the Chena Bend Clubhouse to purchase a Season Pass.

Chena Bend Clubhouse, building 2090  
Call 353-6223

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# History Snapshot: Brig. Gen. Dale Gaffney

**U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Cultural Resources Program**

In 1941, the installation commander was wed. This was reported on page 7 of an unknown local publication:

“Shortly after Army Day, on the 16th of April, 1941, Colonel Dale V. Gaffney married Miss Kathleen McCarthy in a very quiet

ceremony in Fairbanks. The Colonel’s marriage brought the total number of married officers assigned to the post to thirteen. And so, day after day, is the Army in Alaska building respect and admiration in the minds and hearts of Alaskans, who realize more and more that the Army is here to protect their interests and to build a larger, finer, and more livable home for Americans in Alaska, beneath the Big Dipper, in the twinkle of the North Star.”

(Col. and Mrs. Dale V. Gaffney, 1941 (Image courtesy of the Pioneer Air Museum)



## Robots to auto-complete Soldier tasks, new study suggests

**Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory Public Affairs**

Smart phones autocorrect in texting, search engines auto-complete queries, and mapping applications redirect navigation in real-time to avoid slowed traffic. These ubiquitous AI-based technologies adapt to everyday needs and learn user habits by focusing on making the algorithm better, but Army researchers want to enhance AI by providing more information about the intent of the user.

New research published in Science Advances looks at Soldier brain activity during specific tasks for ways to incorporate AI teaming to dynamically complete tasks.

The Army envisions a future battlefield wrought with teams of Soldiers and autonomous systems, and as part of this future vision, the Army is looking to create technologies that can predict states and behaviors of the individual to create a more optimized team, said Dr. Jean Vettel, a senior neuroscientist at the Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory, the Army’s corporate research laboratory also known as ARL.

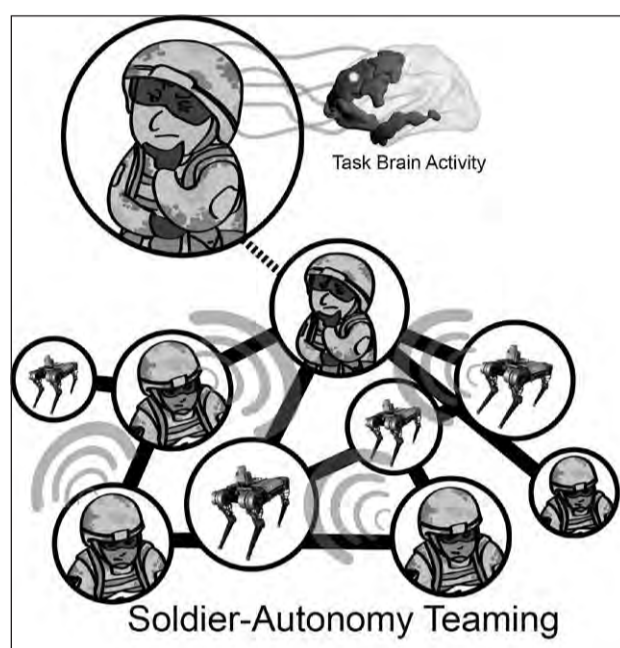
Recent collaborative work between ARL and the University at Buffalo is looking at ways the dynamics and architecture of the human brain may be coordinated to predict such behaviors and consequently optimize team performance.

“While this research focuses on a single person, the purpose is to understand how an individual’s brain activity can be used to create novel strategies for a teaming environment, both for teams with Soldiers as well as teams with Autonomy” said Vettel, a co-author of the recent paper.

“In military operations, Soldiers perform multiple tasks at once. They’re analyzing information from multiple sources, navigating environments while simultaneously assessing threats, sharing situational awareness, and communicating with a distributed team. This requires Soldiers to constantly switch among these tasks, which means that the brain is also rapidly shifting among the different brain regions needed for

these different tasks,” Vettel said. “If we can use brain data in the moment to indicate what task they’re doing, AI could dynamically respond and adapt to assist the Soldier in completing the task.”

To achieve this future capability, the researchers first sought to understand how the brain coordinates its different regions while executing a particular task. They used a computational approach to understand how this may be characterized to inform the behavioral prediction.



Army researchers are looking for ways to use brain data in the moment to indicate specific tasks Soldiers are performing. This knowledge, they say, will better enable AI to dynamically respond and adapt to assist the Soldier in completing the task. (U.S. Army graphic)

To complete the study, researchers mapped how different regions of the brain were connected to one another in 30 different people via tracts of tissue called

white matter. (The specific connectivity pattern linking different brain regions varies between individuals.)

Next, the scientists converted these maps into computational models of each subject’s brain, and used computers to simulate what would happen when a single region of a person’s brain was stimulated. The researchers then used a mathematical framework, which they developed, to measure how brain activity became synchronized across various cognitive systems in the simulations.

“The brain is very dynamic,” Dr. Kanika Bansal, lead author on the work, says. “Connections between different regions of the brain can change with learning or deteriorate with age or neurological disease. Connectivity also varies between people. Our research helps us understand this variability and assess how small changes in the organization of the brain can affect large-scale patterns of brain activity related to various cognitive systems.”

While Dr. Bansal points out the foundational principles of brain coordination this research describes, the method described in the work could potentially be extended outside the brain, as well, creating dynamic teaming assignments in the future.

“While the work has been deployed on individual brains of a finite brain structure, it would be very interesting to see if coordination of Soldiers and autonomous systems may also be described with this method, too,” Dr. Javier Garcia, ARL neuroscientist and co-author points out. “Much how the brain coordinates regions that carry out specific functions, you can think of how this method may describe coordinated teams of individuals and autonomous systems of varied skills work together to complete a mission.”

This research was a collaboration between UB, ARL, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of California, Santa Barbara. Other authors include Sarah F. Muldoon, University at Buffalo; Steve Tompson, ARL; Timothy Verstynen, Carnegie Mellon University. The study was funded under an Army Collaborative Technology Alliance (cancta.net).

## PREVENTION

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“It concerns me every day,” said Esper, who has a daughter attending college.

Esper, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey travelled to the Naval Academy’s campus April 4 to meet with service colleagues and take part in a national effort to reduce sexual assault and harassment at colleges across the country.

The Defense Department’s annual report on those crimes at the service academies cited 117 reported incidents at the military’s three service academies. Another DOD study released last year showed a 10 percent increase in reports of unwanted sexual contact by service members in fiscal year 2017.

More than 300 administrators and professors attended the two-day conference and engaged in discussions on how to prevent sexual assault and how to prepare students better. Representatives from about 120 universities and academic institutions attended.

Panels focused on the importance of bystander intervention during cases of sexual assault, and identifying and reporting key behaviors early to prevent incidents from taking place. Additionally, Dr. John Foubert, the Army’s highly qualified expert on sexual assault prevention, participated in a breakout session on healthy relationships.

“I do take it very seriously – West Point takes it very seriously,” said Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams, U.S. Military Academy superintendent. “I know my wingmen do as well. Not only the military, but the entire community; civilians, all my coaches, my tactical officers, tactical NCOs and my professors. So it’s a comprehensive, integral approach that gets this done.”

According to the DOD report on service academies, cadets and midshipmen have confidence in the leadership of their respective institutions. But they don’t have the same confidence in their peer leaders.

“Cadets must also trust one another,” Esper said. “Across all of our academic institutions, we must inspire students to look out for one another and to not tolerate sexual harassment or sexual assault under any circumstances.”

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson said that the quality of the prosecution process must improve by providing prosecutors with better tools and training.

Before being nominated as Air Force secretary, Wilson served as president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, a science and engineering college in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Representatives from about 120 universities and academic institutions attended the conference, only about 10 percent of the roughly 1,200 schools invited.

“I know that a lot of times colleges don’t want to

talk too much about this issue because they’re afraid that it will tarnish their reputation,” Wilson said. “I think we need to get beyond that and recognize that (sexual assault and harassment) is a problem and anyone who’s not talking about it is not being honest with themselves. We need to address this issue as leaders of American higher education.”

Esper met with four Army cadets for about 30 minutes inside the Naval Academy’s Alumni Hall to listen to cadets’ concerns, as well as educate the students on prevention and awareness.

Cadets Jackie Berry and Cleveland Braswell, ROTC students at nearby Bowie State University, said there have not been any reported incidents of sexual assault cases within their school’s ROTC program. However, some incidents have occurred campus-wide. The cadets said educating BSU’s student body specifically on sexual harassment could be key to preventing incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault. A student’s upbringing and social environment could affect their perception of sexual harassment, the cadets said.

“People are just unaware of what sexual harassment entails and they don’t really understand the effect that it has on the group and other individuals,” Braswell said. “It affects other people’s families. It affects their morale. It affects the culture that goes on in work places and schools.”

Bowie State’s student body is predominantly African American and sexual assault cases have been historically higher with black women than other ethnic groups, according to a report by the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Berry said awareness of sexual assault and harassment within the Army has taken increased importance as more women are admitted into combat career fields. They said one possible solution could be to have Soldiers meet with female military leaders, to help Soldiers gain understanding on how to properly behave around females.

Females in the U.S. military have grown in numbers but still comprise only 14 percent of the active duty force and 18 percent of the reserve and guard. In the Army, about 18 percent of officers are female while 14 percent of enlisted are women.

Arizona Sen. Martha McSally will help spearhead the nationwide effort, urging school officials in attendance to re-examine how they train young leaders. McSally, the first female fighter pilot to fly during combat in Air Force history, recently revealed a senior officer raped her during her military service. But it wasn’t the only incident. The former A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot said she was a victim of a similar incident before college.

“I was preyed upon by a track coach,” McSally said. “I had no idea what was going on . . . Little did I know, as I went off to the military, I would have some similar experiences there.”



**ARMY EARTH DAY MESSAGE**  
April 22, 2019

**SUSTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT TO SECURE THE MISSION**

On April 22, the United States Army will join the Nation in celebrating Earth Day. Earth Day is an opportunity to emphasize our commitment to stewardship of the lands and environmental resources entrusted to us; the lands where our Soldiers, Families and Civilians train, live, and work. The Army’s participation in Earth Day aims to inspire awareness and appreciation of the environment and how sustaining the environment secures the military mission. The success of the Army’s warfighting readiness mission is inseparable from the environmental resources that are essential to accomplishing that mission.

Readiness and modernization require access to realistic natural landscapes and environmental conditions that Soldiers experience during combat. The Army sustains our environment by maintaining and enhancing natural and cultural resources, and making certain our air and water is clean and safe. In sustaining the environment, the Army secures the mission by ensuring installation lands have the capabilities to support readiness and modernization.

This Earth Day, and every day, we all have an opportunity to make a difference. By making the right choices today, our Army will remain the world’s premier military force into the future. Please take the time to find out what the Army is doing for Earth Day 2019 (<https://aac.army.mil/index.php/earth-day>). I encourage you to participate in Army Earth Day events. Do your part to help sustain the environment – the mission of the Army depends on it!

*Alex Beehler*  
Alex Beehler  
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**442ND**

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The 442nd RCT was activated Feb. 1, 1943, and was composed of Nisei men who had volunteered from Hawaii and internment camps on the mainland. They trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, before deploying to Italy in June 1944, where they joined in combat with the 100th Infantry Battalion – the first Nisei Army unit to be activated in the war.

**EARNING ACCOLADES**

In the following two months, the 442nd RCT earned nine Distinguished Service Crosses, while the 100th earned three. By mid-August, the 100th officially became part of the 442nd RCT. That's when "go for broke" became their motto.

The men of the 442nd RCT fought so well that, in September 1944, they were reassigned to the invasion of southern France under the 7th Army and took part in the drive into the Vosges Mountains. During four weeks that fall, they liberated Bruyeres and Biffontaine and also rescued a battalion that had been cut off from its division.

For several more months, the 442nd RCT guarded the French/Italian border. By March 1945, they were again reassigned, this time to the 5th Army and the Po Valley campaign, where they were attached to the 92nd Infantry Division, an all-African American unit. Together, they helped drive the Germans out of northern Italy.

In their two years of service, the 442nd RCT and the 100th IB, before it joined the 442nd, earned:

- 7 Presidential Unit Citations

- 2 Meritorious Service Plaques
  - 36 Army Commendation Medals
  - 87 Division Commendations
- Individual Soldiers were awarded 18,000 decorations, including:
- 21 Medals of Honor
  - 29 Distinguished Service Crosses
  - 560 Silver Stars
  - 4,000 Bronze Stars
  - 22 Legion of Merit medals
  - 15 Soldier's Medals
  - Nearly 9,500 Purple Hearts
- The units lost 650 men, more than 3,700 were wounded in action, and 67 were declared missing in action.

**SUCCESS ON MANY FRONTS**

Because of the 442nd RCT's success, the draft was reinstated in the internment camps back home, and several other battalions and companies were incorporated into it.

The 442nd RCT was demobilized and inactivated about a year after World War II ended. Many of the men who served in the 442nd went on to have distinguished careers in science, higher education and government.

For their heroic actions in combat and steadfast loyalty in the face of ethnic discrimination, more than 450 Japanese American Soldiers of World War II were honored in December 2011 with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award for service given out by the U.S.

It seems they certainly lived by their motto.

But why choose April 5 to become "Go For Broke" Day? It was on April 5, 1945, that the 442nd RCT's first Medal of Honor recipient, Pfc. Sadao Munemori, was killed in action near Seravezza, Italy.

**Allies to join Army Futures Command**

**Joe Lacdan**  
Army News Service

U.S. military allies have been embedded into the Army's eight cross-functional teams to strengthen the force against potential adversaries, Army leaders told lawmakers Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. James Richardson said representatives of these allied nations will also be stationed with Army Futures Command, headquartered in Austin, Texas. The general, who serves as the command's deputy commander, did not specify which countries but said both officers and non-commissioned officers have already

Pacific Security Affairs, told an audience at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on April 3 that the U.S. would like to strengthen relations and enhance military ties with Vietnam.

"[Interoperability] is one of the three tenets of both the National Defense Strategy and our Army strategy," said Lt. Gen. James Pasquarette, Army G-8, emphasizing the importance of allies and partners.

"So we have a robust exercise program in both Europe and [the Indo-Pacific] our two focus theaters that help us deepen those bonds," he added. "We believe it's making a big difference and we believe in the future. It's our way of



U.S. and Thai soldiers conduct urban operations training in Phitsanulok, Thailand, Feb. 13, 2019, during Cobra Gold, an annual multinational exercise in Thailand. Lt. Gen. James Richardson, deputy commander of Army Futures Command, said allied cooperation will be crucial for future success on the battlefield during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing April 2, 2019. (Photo by Sgt. Alvin Reeves)

joined some cross-functional teams.

Allied cooperation will be crucial for future success on the battlefield, Richardson said during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing.

"Interoperability is huge for our Army," he said. "We fight as a coalition, and we fight as joint partners and it's been one of [AFC Commander Gen. John Murray's] top priorities to ensure that we're interoperable, not only across the joint force, but our coalition forces."

Joint exercises such as Balikatan and Cobra Gold help foster good relations between partner nations. Balikatan is an annual military exercise between U.S. and Philippine forces. In February, the Army participated in the annual Cobra Gold exercise, a joint-combined venture that includes Thailand, Singapore and Japan.

Additionally, Randall Schriver, assistant defense secretary for Indo-

countering the two threats we've been talking about here today, Russia and China."

The Army created the newly-formed Futures Command to streamline the acquisition process and to lead the Army's modernization efforts. In addition to placing partner nation representatives within the command, the Army hopes to reach small businesses and innovators.

Last fall, the service stood up the Army Applications Laboratory in Austin, which focuses on helping deliver innovative technologies from small businesses and young developers.

"[They're] bringing technologies that we otherwise would not have seen," Richardson said.

With Army representatives stationed within "incubator" hubs in Austin, the Army plans to encourage contributions to its modernization efforts from small businesses, said AFC leaders.

**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**  
2019


**APRIL 2019 • MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**  
Proclamation of the Commanding General of Installation Management Command


For the last 33 years, the Department of Defense has recognized military children during the month of April. Because of their service, commitment and sacrifice to supporting the Army's mission, it is important to honor and celebrate our military's youngest heroes.

Month of the Military Child is an opportunity to remember children's roles in strengthening the military Family. This year's theme is "Military Kids Can!". The theme recognizes that through strength and resilience, these young heroes can do anything they set their minds to.

Living in different states countries and continents, military children face unique challenges that most youth their age do not experience. They are equipped to adapt to present and future changes, such as permanent changes of station, deployments, reintegration, care of their Wounded Warrior parent or coping with the loss of a Fallen parent. Through each new step in life, they always remain ready and resilient.


The Army is thankful for the positivity and enthusiasm of military children as we keep moving forward. We are committed to maintaining excellence in schools, youth services and childcare to ensure that Families always receive the best programming - no matter where their next adventure takes them.

  
Bradley A. Becker  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army  
Commanding



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**STATE OF ALASKA**



**Executive Proclamation**  
by  
**Governor Michael J. Dunleavy**

WHEREAS, Alaskans appreciate the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women who defend our country against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, children of military families face unique challenges and we appreciate their strength and sacrifice as they support their enlisted family members; at times enduring long periods of separation; and

WHEREAS, the children of military families are directly impacted by the deployment of one, or sometimes both parents, on full-time duty status in military service, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty orders; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the role we play in supporting children of military families to help them be successful in life, educational pursuits, and community involvement while their parent is deployed; and

WHEREAS, Month of the Military Child was established in 1986 to recognize military children for their commitment, sacrifice, strength, and unconditional support of our troops, and to remind us of the opportunity to provide support and encouragement; and


WHEREAS, April 12, 2019, is "Purple Up! For Military Kids" in Alaska and all Alaskans are encouraged to wear purple - the color symbolizing all branches of the military - as a visible icon of support and appreciation for military children.

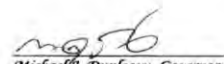
NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as:

**Month of the Military Child**

in Alaska, and ask all Alaskans to show support for the children of military families by recognizing their sacrifices, resilience, and courage, and to thank the parents who serve to protect our freedoms.

Dated: April 1, 2019



  
Michael J. Dunleavy, Governor  
who has also authorized the  
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